

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment places the claims in the same form as in the Substitute Specification and Marked-Up Copy submitted with the filing of the application. Please accept the Substitute Specification and the Marked-Up copy in which no substantive changes were made to change the scope of the patent. The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 5-19, 22, 26, 28-31, 33, 34, 36-46, and 48, and to make minor editorial changes to claims 1-19, and 22-51, and to add new claims 20 and 21. Please note, that the applicant has hereby withdrawn the original text of claim 4 and canceled claims 20 and 21 and thus renumbered the subsequent claims in order to achieve consistency with the Substitute Specification submitted at the time of filing.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Mark DiPietro (Reg. No. 28,707), at (612) 371-5375.

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